The Edgehill Churches

Parish Link

Loving God, Serving People, Growing Community

Finding a way through

November 2026

Over the summer, getting around our villages has sometimes involved a little more planning than usual. Just when you thought you knew which way to go, another 'Road Closed' sign appeared.

At one point, there were signs whichever way you approached the vicarage. Anyone visiting might reasonably have concluded that we were completely cut off! But those of us who lived here knew that it was often still possible to get through. Sometimes residents were allowed past the works; sometimes you could weave your way around multiple fenced-off holes in the road; sometimes there was another route. It could take longer, but there was always a way home.

I've been thinking about those signs as we approach Remembrance Sunday.



When we look at the suffering in Gaza, Iran, Ukraine and so many other places, the road to peace can seem firmly closed. Each effort meets another obstacle. There's so much fear, anger and mistrust, and so much injustice and hurt. We can find ourselves wondering whether anything will ever change, or whether it's worth trying to work for peace.

But remembering the cost of war gives us a reason to keep trying.

This November, we will gather at our war memorials to honour those who served and those who gave their lives. We will remember those who returned carrying physical and emotional wounds, and those who waited anxiously at home or grieved someone who never returned. We will remember, too, the civilians whose homes, families and futures have been devastated by war. The cost continues long after the fighting stops.

Even in places where peace seems impossibly distant, people are looking for a way through.

For example, the Parents Circle–Families Forum brings together Israelis and Palestinians who have lost family members in the conflict. They share their stories and work for reconciliation. Their grief is real, and their differences have not simply disappeared. Yet they continue to meet, listen and seek a future in which other families will not have to suffer as theirs have.

That takes courage. It also challenges the feeling that nothing can be done.

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.' Making peace can be difficult work. It involves facing what is wrong, seeking justice, and helping people live without fear. Sometimes it means listening when we would rather argue; sometimes it means acknowledging the hurt we've caused.

Most of us will never sit around a table negotiating an end to a war. But we do have opportunities to make peace in our homes, workplaces, schools and communities. We can refuse to pass on a cruel remark, help someone feel included, or take a first step towards resolving a disagreement. We can pray for peace and support those working for it.

My prayer this November is that, as we remember the terrible cost of war, we would renew our commitment to peace. Even when we cannot see a way through, may we keep looking, praying and doing what we can.

We may not see the whole route ahead, but peace is worth working for.

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NOVEMBER SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES							
	Kineton		Combroke	Radway	Ratley	Warmington	Shotteswell
1st	4.00pm Time to remember	10.00am Simply Celebrate		8.30am Communion	6.30am Harvest		8.30am BCP Comm
8th	10.00am All Age Remembrance	11.00 Remembrance	9.00am Remembrance	11.00am Remembrance	11.00am Remembrance	10.30am Remembrance	8.30am Remembrance
15th		10.30am Morning Worship		10.30am Communion	6.30pm Communion		8.30am Communion
22nd		10.30am Communion					
29th		10.30am Morning Worship		10.30am Communion			

SIMPLY CELEBRATE

Sunday 1st Nov
10am St Peter's Kineton



Come for ***breakfast*** to begin the service. A time with God for everyone.
Our young people help lead the service.

Time to Remember at St Peter's Kineton
4pm on Sunday, 1st November,



A short service of reflection and tranquillity to remember with thanksgiving those who have died and whom you hold in your heart with love.

We will be remembering those who have died recently or very many years ago; from those who have lived a long life, to babies lost during pregnancy.
If you'd like someone who has died and is special to you to be remembered by name in this service
please contact Katie at edgehilloffice@gmail.com

LADIES CURRY NIGHT

Tuesday 3rd Nov 7.00pm



A great night out with ladies from around the area; an opportunity to strengthen old friendships and make new ones at ***Shukurs***. We've agreed a set price menu of £16.95 per head (for a main, with rice OR naan), and any drinks will be on top of that. Use the QR code to reserve a spot, or email Sarah.Jackson05@hotmail.co.uk
We hope you can join us.

Build imagination with Lego!

Sat 21st Nov from 10:00am in Warmington Village Hall

Children must bring an adult (**BUT** adults don't need to be accompanied by a child!) for more details contact: Rev.AlisonAbbott@gmail.com or phone 07923 442970

BLOKE'S CURRY NIGHT

Wed 18th Nov 7.00pm.
at ***Shukurs , Kineton***



A great night out with men from around the area.

We've agreed a set price menu of £19.95 per head (for a main, rice, and naan). Any drinks will be on top of that.
Use the QR code to reserve a spot, or email revbarryjackson@btinternet.com
We hope you can join us.

FIRE PIT CHURCH

November 4th 3.30pm - 4:30pm

Come to toast a marshmallow, drink hot chocolate and explore the Christian faith. Find us in the churchyard.



ST PETER'S KINETON CHURCHYARD
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

A weekly drop-in group

Mondays 2:30-3.30pm
at the Scout Hut, Kineton
from 8th September

Grief and loss of any type is painful and isolating. It can be very hard to deal with alone or with family who are also grieving. Come and join us in a safe, gentle environment for tea/coffee and a chat. All welcome!

For more information contact Rev Matthew Arnold on mtr.arnold@googlemail.com

RADWAY'S TEA, CHAT & PLAY

Every Wednesday 3pm –5pm in the Village Hall

All ages are welcome from babies to grandpas!

TEA & CHAT

Friday 27th Nov 3pm-4.30pm
in Ratley Village Hall
Come and meet up with neighbours and friends for a chat and catch up. Cost £1.00